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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This case has been carefully reviewed and analyzed, and reconsideration and favorable action is respectfully requested.

CLAIM REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 103(a)

Claims 1-7 were originally rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Keane (US-4,530,543) in view of Liao (US-5,466,051) and Chiu (US-5,188,430).

However, the Examiner has pointed out that claims 10-12 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Responsive to this, claims 5 and 10 are deleted, and claim 1 is amended which is substantially the combination of original claims 1, 5 and 10 so as to make the claimed invention more distinguishably patentable over the prior art references cited by the Examiner. In addition, claim 7 is deleted to prevent claim 7 from conflicting the amended claim 1.

Accordingly, by the amendments, it is believed that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) should be withdrawn, and the amended claim 1 should be allowable.

It is further submitted that the claims 2-4, 6, 11 and 12 should be allowable as they are dependent upon the amended claim 1 which is believed to be allowable.

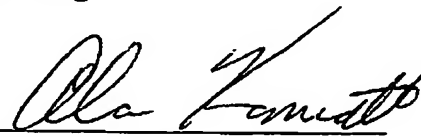
In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that the application is now in a condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. If any points remain in issue, which the Examiner feels could best be resolved by either a personal or a telephone interview, he is urged to contact Applicant's attorney at the exchange listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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